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# 2019 SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP SYMPOSIUM

## Science-Theology Dialogue about Creation



**FRIDAY, FEB. 15**

11:30 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.

Seminary Chapel

**SATURDAY, FEB. 16**

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Howard Performing Arts Centers &  
Seminary Chapel

# INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Science-Theology Dialogue about Creation, which is functioning in conjunction with the 2019 Seminary Scholarship Symposium and the Andrews Conference on Religion & Science. The featured speakers this year are from Wheaton College—John Walton (Professor of Old Testament) and Jerry Root (Professor of Evangelism) and Andrews University—Randy Younker (Professor of Archaeology and History of Antiquity) and Richard Davidson (Professor of Old Testament Interpretation).

Dr. Jiří Moskala, Dean of the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, says rightly: “We want to praise the Lord for godly scholars and their faithful work in enhancing our knowledge of God and His Truth. He gives gifts—the capacity to think and express thoughts and communicate truth effectively. To God be the glory!”

The Science-Theology Dialogue about Creation is sponsored by the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, the College of Arts & Sciences, and the Office of Research & Creative Scholarship. The Andrews Conference on Religion & Science conference is an annual function of the Midwest Religion and Science Society (MRSS, [www.mrss-online.org](http://www.mrss-online.org)), an organization dedicated to the dialogue between Religion and Science. The MRSS is a cooperative endeavor of seven area colleges and universities: Andrews University, Bluffton University, Goshen College, Manchester College, Ohio Northern University, the University of Notre Dame, and the University of St. Francis. The next MRSS event will take place at the Goshen Conference on Religion and Science, March 29-31, 2019, featuring Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, director of the Climate Science Center at Texas Tech University.

## FRIDAY

10:20 am **Breakout Sessions** (Seminary Classrooms):

**Seminary, Room N235**

10:20 Anthony Bosman, “The Miracle of Mathematics”

10:50 Gary Burdick, “The Friendship between Science and Religion”

**Seminary, Room N150**

10:20 Tom Goodwin, “The Friendship Metaphor for the Relations of Science and Faith”

10:50 A. Rahel Wells, “Bioethics and the Science-Theology Dialogue”

**Seminary, Room S340**

10:20 Karl G. D. Bailey, “Creation and the Cognitive Sciences: Joint Action, Mental Simulation, and Human Free Will”

10:50 Ryan T. Hayes, “Understanding the Nature of Natural Chemical Reactions”

**Seminary, Room S120**

10:20 Robert Stearley, “The Fossil Record as a Testimony to a Protracted History of Life”

10:50 Carl Helrich, “The Limits of Knowledge: Part 2”

11:30 am **Plenary Presentation** (Seminary Chapel): “Studying God’s Two Books: Respecting both Science and Religion”

Ben Clausen, Adjunct Associate Professor, Loma Linda University & Senior Research Scientist, Geoscience Research Institute

12:30 pm **Lunch** (Seminary Commons; online pre-registration required)

7:30 pm **Plenary Presentation** (Seminary Chapel): “Reading the Bible in Light of Its Ancient Context and Our Modern science: A Hermeneutical Discussion”

John Walton, Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College

# SATURDAY

*Morning activities will take place in the Howard Performing Arts Center, and afternoon activities will be in the Seminary.*

- 8:00 am **Registration & Breakfast** (Howard Performing Arts Center Lobby)
- 9:00 am **Worship:** “And Then God Smiled”  
Andrea Luxton, President, Andrews University
- 9:30 am **Plenary Presentation:** “Illumination from the Ancient Near East and Illumination on Scientific Questions: Perspectives on Genesis 1–2”  
John Walton, Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College
- 10:15 am **Plenary Presentation:** “Antiquity, Rationality, and Creation”  
Jerry Root, Professor of Evangelism, Wheaton College
- 11:00 am **Plenary Presentation:** “Epistemological and Hermeneutical Approaches to Genesis and the Question of Origins”  
Randall Younker, Professor of Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Andrews University
- 11:45 am **Plenary Presentation:** “The Genesis Account of Origins: When, Who, How, and What?”  
Richard Davidson, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Andrews University
- 12:30 pm **Lunch** (Campus Center; online pre-registration required)
- 2:00 pm **Panel Discussion** (Seminary Chapel): Gary Burdick, Ben Clausen, Richard Davidson, Jerry Root, John Walton, Rahel Wells, and Randall Younker  
**Session Chair:** Teresa Reeve, Associate Dean, Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, Andrews University
- 4:30 pm **Worship**  
David Williams, Assistant Professor of Worship and Sacred Music, Andrews University  
  
“Do You Still Believe?”  
Boubakar Sanou, Assistant Professor of World Mission, Andrews University
- 5:00 pm **Supper** (Seminary Commons)

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**Saturday** - <https://www.andrews.edu/classclimate/online.php?p=CreationSaturday>

Friday



Saturday





# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Benjamin L. Clausen**, Adjunct Associate Professor, Loma Linda University & Senior Research Scientist, Geoscience Research Institute

Dr. Clausen received his PhD in nuclear physics at the University of Colorado followed by two years of post-doctoral research at the University of Virginia. His research used pion scattering at the Los Alamos National Laboratory proton accelerator in New Mexico to better understand nuclear shell models. The research was augmented by electron accelerator experiments at MIT-Bates near Boston and at NIKHEF in Amsterdam. Additional work was conducted at the Indiana University Cyclotron Facility, Brookhaven on Long Island, TRIUMF in Vancouver, and the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research near Moscow. Since 1990, Clausen has studied science and religion issues at the Geoscience Research Institute in southern California. This has included lecturing and teaching classes in dozens of countries, writing articles, and co-authoring a book (*The Book of Beginnings: Creation and the Promise of Redemption*).



**Richard Davidson**, Professor of Old Testament Interpretation, Andrews University

Dr. Davidson is J. N. Andrews Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University, where he has taught since 1979. Dr. Davidson has authored articles dealing with issues of science and theology that include "The Biblical Evidence for the Universality of the Genesis Flood," *Origins* 22, no. 2 (1995): 58-73; "The Flood," in *Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*, ed. Walter A. Elwell (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Books, 1996), 261-263; "The Biblical Account of Origins," *JATS* 14, no. 1 (Spring 2003): 4-43; "The Genesis Flood Narrative: Crucial Issues in the Current Debate," *AUSS* 42, no. 1 (2004): 49-77; and "The Genesis Account of Origins," in *The Genesis Creation Account and Its Reverberations in the Old Testament*, ed. Gerald A. Klingbeil (Berrien Springs, MI: Andrews University Press, 2015), 59-129 (articles available at [www.andrews.academia.edu/RichardDavidson](http://www.andrews.academia.edu/RichardDavidson)).



**Jerry Root**, Professor of Evangelism, Wheaton College

Dr. Root is Director of the Evangelism Initiative at Wheaton College. Dr. Root is a graduate of Whittier College and Talbot Graduate School of Theology at Biola University, both located in Southern California and received his PhD from the Open University. He has written *C. S. Lewis and a Problem of Evil: An Investigation of a Pervasive Theme*, and is the co-editor, with Wayne Martindale, of the bestselling, and award winning, *The Quotable C. S. Lewis*. He wrote, with Stan Guthrie, *The Sacrament of Evangelism*, and most recently published *The Surprising Imagination of C. S. Lewis* with Mark Neal. Jerry has made many written contributions to edited works about C. S. Lewis and has published numerous articles about Lewis, Evangelism and Discipleship, and Spiritual Formation. He is currently serving as the Director of the Institute for Strategic Evangelism at the Billy Graham Center at Wheaton College, where he also teaches in the Christian Formation and Ministry Department and in the Evangelism and Leadership MA program. Jerry is also a visiting professor at Talbot Graduate School of Theology and Biola University.



**John Walton**, Professor of Old Testament, Wheaton College

Dr. Walton (PhD Hebrew Union College) has taught at Wheaton College for almost twenty years. Dr. Walton has published nearly 30 books, among them commentaries, reference works, textbooks, scholarly monographs, and popular academic works (see [www.wheaton.edu/academics/faculty/john-walton/](http://www.wheaton.edu/academics/faculty/john-walton/)). He was the Old Testament general editor for the *Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible* (NIV, NKJV, NRSV), and is perhaps most widely known for the "Lost World" books, which include *The Lost World of Genesis One*, *The Lost World of Adam and Eve*, and *The Lost World of the Flood*. His areas of expertise include the importance of the ancient Near East for interpreting the Old Testament as well as the dialogue between science and faith.



**Randall Younker**, Professor of Archaeology and History of Antiquity, Andrews University

Dr. Younker is Director of the Institute of Archaeology at Andrews University and Program Director of the PhD in Biblical and Ancient Near Eastern Archaeology. He received his MA and PhD in Near Eastern Studies from the University of Arizona under William G. Dever. In addition, he holds an MA in Biology. Randy has been a field archaeologist for the last 38 years in Israel, Cyprus, Sicily, and Jordan, where he has directed and co-directed numerous archaeological projects. Currently, he is senior Project Director at Tell Jalul, the largest site in central Transjordan, for the Madaba Plains Project and Director of the San Miceli excavation in Sicily. He has served as a trustee on the board of the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem and on the board of the American Schools of Oriental Research. He has co-edited nine books and published or co-published over 75 scholarly and professional articles and reviews. Recently he was a contributor to the publication *Archaeology and Old Testament Interpretation* by Baylor University Press (2017) and co-edited and co-authored "Quod Vult Deus": The Beginning of Christianity at San Miceli (Institute of Archaeology, Andrews University, 2018).